

DIXIE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2019 – 1:00 p.m.

Five County Association of Governments

1070 West 1600 South

St. George, UT

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Chuck Gillette, Ivins City, Public Works Director, CHAIR
- Todd Edwards for Ron Whitehead, Washington County Public Works Director, Vice-Chair
- Arthur LeBaron, Hurricane City Engineer
- Mike Shaw, Washington City, Public Works Director
- Wayne Peterson, Leeds Town
- Jay Sandberg, St George City
- Kyle Gubler, LaVerkin City Administrator
- Kade Roberts for Kirk Thornock, UDOT Region Four
- Jack Taylor, Santa Clara City Public Works Director
- Cameron Cutler, St George City, Public Works Director
- Monty Thurber, St George City, Engineer Associate/Traffic Coordinator

MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Ty Bringhurst, Toquerville City

VISITORS:

- Myron Lee, Dixie MPO
- Ross Burton, FCAOG
- Bryan Thiriot, FCAOG
- Curt Hutchings, FCAOG
- Bronson Bundy, Washington City
- Brady Shakespear, Jones & DeMille Engineering
- Aron Baker, Horrocks
- Rick Snyder, Sunrise Engineering
- Tyler Turner, Civil Science
- Taylor Ricks, Mainline Engineering
- Tom Jorgensen, Ivins
- Susan Crook, Conserve Southwest Utah

Mr. Chuck Gillette, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. Mr. Gillette noted that a sign-up sheet was being circulated for attendees to sign.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE:

- A. **Consider Minutes from September 4, 2019 Meeting:** Mr. Chuck Gillette asked for comments. With no comments presented, Mr. Gillette asked for a motion to approve. **Motion to approve by Todd Edwards, second by Jay Sandberg – voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

2. **PLANNING SERVICES:**

- A. **Raised Median Tool Kit (Stephanee Eastman):** Mr. Myron Lee introduced Stephanee Eastman who will be making a presentation on GOOGLE Meet about a Tool Kit that UDOT has produced.
Prior to the presentation, Mr. Lee showed a video on Raised Medians and how businesses, residents, and state agencies work together to design and install smart and effective roads.

The video emphasizes the goal of raised medians to increase efficiency, especially on vehicles turning left or right on the road. This crossing is known as a conflict point. The Raised Medians reduce conflict points by directing turning vehicles to specific locations where pathways to businesses and residents are merged. One of the areas the video focused on was the St. George Blvd raised median project.

Stephanee Eastman joined the meeting via GOOGLE Meet. Ms. Eastman is an engineer with Horrocks Engineering and has been working with UDOT for the last 1 ½ years on the raised median toolkit.

The toolkit can be found at: <http://www.udot.utah.gov/raisedmedians/>.

The video presentation that Myron Lee showed can be found at:

<http://www.udot.utah.gov/raisedmedians/Pages/ResourcePages/RaisedMedianVideo>

The intent of presenting the toolkit is so project managers, City Engineers, and City Councils can use it to decide whether raised medians would be appropriate for a given situation and recognize it as an aid in implementing the raised medians in a more standardized way which would help when introducing the concept to the public. Time was given after the presentation for attendees to ask questions.

- B. **UDOT Technical Planning Assistance Funds/Application** – Mr. Myron Lee sent out an email last week regarding UDOT's technical planning assistance program which runs very similar to our MPO where we offer planning grant funds.
Those that are interested in updating their Master Transportation Plan – might consider applying to get grant monies i.e., Ivins, Leeds, Washington, Santa Clara, and any others that see the need. **Mr. Lee noted that the application is due Monday October 7, 2019.** **Mr. Lee also noted that the purpose of the technical planning assistance program is to help integrate the transportation and land use plan. It can also be used to update the General Plan** – especially if you are willing to integrate the transportation and land use plans together.

3. **LONG RANGE PLAN:**

- A. **Travel Demand Model Status Update (Horrocks Engineers)** – The MPO worked with Horrocks Engineers to update our Travel Demand Model – which was used extensively to figure out what our 2019 to 2050 long range transportation plan should look like. **Aron Baker and Mike Heaps from Horrocks Engineers** have put together a tool --- <https://horrocks.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=a79f610b2c844eafa52119447d909f33> which is available for use by members of the committee. Aron Baker presented the tool and answered questions.

4. **TIP:**

- A. **TIP Amendment #1 – TAP Funds, TIP Funds, and the Washington Parkway project** – Mr. Lee indicated that he received a call regarding the TAP money (just prior to the DTEC meeting) and was informed that we had \$307,000 dollars that hasn't been used and that it was a “**use it or lose it**” type arrangement. After making a few calls with Washington City, Federal Highways, and UDOT, Mr. Lee was able to work out a plan that swapped out some small Urban monies that had been programmed to Washington Parkway, and programmed instead the TAP monies to that project. **This action made it possible to use the money instead of losing it and freed up monies that can now be programmed to do our small Urban projects or use it toward Transportation alternative projects** – the choice is ours. **This plan went to DTEC to do the TIP Amendment – the next day the Transportation Commission met and amended the STIP and then on Friday when that amendment was done, the funds were obligated. There wasn't time to inform this body (DTAC), but it was talked about at length at DTEC and they were able to accomplish those Amendments.** The Committee was favorable toward the action that was taken – especially given the critical time frame that they had to work in.
- B. **Call for Concept Reports (TIP 2021-2024)** – Mr. Lee discussed the additional funds that came in because of the TIP Amendment. The Call for Concept Reports was sent out – and those applications are due Wednesday October 9, 2019.

5. **LOCAL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES:**

- A. **Hurricane** – Advertised some road projects but had a protest on the selection process. The City then decided to reject all the proposals and re-advertise. What was learned was that unless you have something specific in your city ordinances for procurement on professional services, you're bound by what the state code (statute) says regarding qualifications-based selection.
- B. **Ivins** – Mr. Chuck Gillette noted that they are still working on their Transportation Master Plan.
- C. **LaVerkin** – Nothing to report.
- D. **Leeds** – Nothing to report.

- E. **St. George** – finished up some pavement management and have signals under design on Tuweep and Sunset and Snow Canyon and 1400 W. Also, a signal under construction on 1140 S and 3000 E.
- F. **Santa Clara** – The Bridge project is going well – hope to have it done by May.
- G. **Toquerville** – No update.
- H. **Washington City** – The Merrill Road project is about half way through the contract. The Main Street project, which is mainly to widen Main Street from Telegraph to I-15 – should be ready to advertise in November. Washington Parkway is ready to move ahead. A signal has been designed and materials ordered for Washington Parkway and Telegraph and they are in design for a signal to 3090 S and Washington Fields Road.
- I. **Washington County** – Just finished the chip seal project.
- J. **UDOT** – An environmental study is under way right now on SR9 from Southern Parkway to I-15. Also doing a micro-surface seal on Southern Parkway from milepost 0 to 7. The interchange project at I-15 and SR-9 is scheduled to be completed in November and is going well.

6. UPCOMING MEETINGS/DEADLINES

- A. October 16, 2019 – DTEC meeting
- B. The DTAC meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2019; **however, because of a conflict with the Engineers Conference on November 6, Cameron Cutler made a motion to move the meeting to October 30, 2019. Jay Sandberg seconded the motion and voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN CONDUCTED, THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO ADJOURN. Mike Shaw made a motion to adjourn, Todd Edwards seconded the motion and voting was in favor of the motion.